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LAFAYETTE PRESBYTERY

Met in Lexington Tuesday, Wednesday And Thursday of Last Week.

On Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday of last week the Presbytery of Lafayette held its Spring meeting in the Lexington Presbyterian church.

In territory covered, Lafayette Presbytery is the largest of the six Presbyteries of Missouri. This Presbytery extends from the Missouri river on the north to the Arkansas line on the south and from the Kansas line on the west to Jefferson City on the east, and consists of thirty-six churches and nineteen ministers at the present time.

The Presbytery was called to order on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock by the Moderator. After the roll call and Presbytery had been consecrated with prayer, Rev. Grayson L. Tucker of Springfield, was elected Moderator. Rev. Jas. E. Green of Boonville, is stated clerk and Rev. John Crockett of Pleasant Hill is the permanent clerk and Mr. Chas. E. Gunn of Lamar, is treasurer of the Presbytery.

After the election of the Moderator the opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. E. Wylie of Sweet Springs, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Presbytery then adjourned until Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

Wednesday morning the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. M. Dimmitt of Calhoun, after which the regular line of business was taken.

Rev. Mr. McSkimming of Pleasant Hill was received into the Presbytery from the Congregational church.

At 11 o'clock Rev. D. K. Ferguson of Marshall, who had been selected at the fall meeting of the Presbytery, preached the Presbyterial sermon, the subject assigned him being, "The Work of the Holy Spirit in Redemption."

The afternoon was spent in receiving, discussing, and acting upon the reports from the churches and committees. It was gratifying to the Lexington church to be able to submit the best report of any church in the

George Kesler Investigated.

George Kesler, a farmer living midway between Waverly and Corder, was brought before a Federal officer Thursday and examined relative to charges of Pro-Germanism. It has developed that Mr. Kesler who is worth around \$50,000, had contributed the magnificent sum of 75 cents to the Red Cross, nothing to the Y. M. C. A., and only very recently did he buy a \$50 Liberty bond. He had been talking (always dangerous) freely of what he wished and expected Germany would do to the Allies, and had predicted, in the presence of a neighbor, that Germany would win the war, and that President Wilson would be murdered before it ended.

When confronted with his former statements he denied it all, and said that he had been misunderstood, and owing to the fact that only one of his Pro-German statements could be reduced to writing by a competent witness, he was permitted to return to his home.

John C. Downtain Dead.

Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell received a telegram Friday announcing the death of her brother, John C. Downtain, at his home near Boulder, Col. Mr. Downtain was 81 years of age. He is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell and William Downtain of this city, and Mrs. T. F. Keene of Canton, Montana. The body was brought here for burial.

Presbytery.

The Wednesday evening service was under the direction of the Presbytery's permanent committee on foreign missions, of which the Rev. R. L. Cowan is chairman; and the committee reported a banner year in the history of foreign missions. After receiving and adopting the report, Rev. C. F. Hancock of the China mission, delivered a splendid address on his work in China.

Thursday was spent in business session until 3 o'clock, and after an hour of prayer and re-consecration the Presbytery adjourned.

The Fall meeting of Presbytery will be at Lamar on September 17, 1918.

Candidate For County Collector.

W. B. Douglass, a citizen of this city, announces his candidacy for the office of county collector, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the primary, August 6, 1918.

Mr. Douglass was born and raised in this county and has a wide acquaintance in every section of it, especially in this city. For the past seven years he has held the responsible position of secretary of the local Miners Union and has given good account of his stewardship. He has always been a loyal Democrat, active in its councils and a hard worker in his sphere of influence for the success of the ticket.

Mr. Douglass asks that his candidacy be given a fair consideration by the voters, and pledges his support to the successful candidates, whether or not he is among those securing a nomination.

German Language Discontinued

At a meeting Sunday of the congregation of the Trinity Evangelical church it was unanimously decided to discontinue the use of the German language in Pulpit, Sunday School and all church activities. Our country has entered the war in the interest of justice, righteousness and democracy and as loyal Christian citizens we stand behind our government with all we are and have. And as the German language is the language of the enemy this step of discontinuing the use of it was taken freely and should know of the patriotic stand of this church and its members.

J. C. Bierbaum, Pastor.

Bond Sales Last Saturday.

Last Saturday the ladies sold bonds and thrift stamps at the various stands in the following amounts:

Gratz Bros.—Baby bonds and thrift stamps, \$495.90; Liberty bonds, \$5050.00; Total \$5455.90

Stier's—Baby bonds and thrift stamps, \$356.40; Liberty bonds, \$250; Total, \$606.40.

Crenshaw & Young's—Baby bonds and thrift stamps, \$71.45; Liberty bonds, \$1150.00; Total, \$1221.45.

Eaton's—Thrift stamps, \$16.55; Liberty bonds, \$2650.00; Total, \$2666.55.

Winn's—Thrift stamps, \$23.10; Liberty bonds, \$50; Total, \$73.10.

Co-operative—Thrift stamps, 25; Liberty bonds, \$750; Total, \$750.25.

Headquarters—Thrift stamps, .50; Totals, Baby bonds and thrift stamps, \$853.40; Liberty bonds, \$9900.00.

Grand total, \$10,774.15.

O. R. Sellers Joins the Colors.

Rev. O. R. Sellers, son of Col. and Mrs. Sanford Sellers of this city, has volunteered and been accepted as Chaplain in the army. He reported Saturday to a training camp for Chaplains at Louisville, Ky.

Suicide Near Corder.

Mrs. Fred Hartwig, age about 50 years, living on a farm four miles south of Corder, committed suicide Monday by hanging. She is survived by her husband, one son and one daughter.

Deputy Sheriff Kelly of Higginsville, brought Leroy Jones, colored, to Lexington Wednesday to serve a six months' sentence for stealing junk.

LIBERTY DAY

Holiday And Celebration Friday Afternoon.

An interesting celebration has been planned for Friday afternoon from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock in front of the Court House. It will be Liberty Day by proclamation of the President and the Governor. There will be band music, several short patriotic addresses, and a chorus. There will be booths where subscriptions will be taken to finish our Lexington quota to the Third Liberty Loan. An indicator will be erected to show the progress of the subscriptions, and if the quota is reached by 4 o'clock it is proposed to have every bell ring and every whistle blow.

Don't forget the time and place: Court House door, 2 to 4 o'clock.

In the evening at 8 o'clock, Judge Charles M. Hunt, of St. Paul, Minn., will speak at the Court House. Judge Hunt has been an extensive and observant European traveler and is a speaker of national reputation.

Miss Seay's Recital.

The first song recital of the graduating series at Central College this year was given Tuesday evening in Murrell Auditorium by Miss Mary Grace Seay of Chillicothe, Mo. Miss Seay's program had been carefully arranged, and well exhibited her many virtues as a singer. She sang in English, French, and Italian, but her German compositions were given an English translation.

In appearance the young lady delighted the eye, while vocally she did excellent and sincere work. Her voice is a soprano of brilliant quality and good range; the tone correctly produced and well sustained especially in the higher notes. The colorature work in the first number was clean and accurate and she gave the old English number its correct atmosphere. Another bit especially pleasing was the novel Swedish Song by Joachim. However, her chief points of excellence were style and interpretation due, no doubt, to superior instruction.

Miss Seay was accompanied by Miss Richardson, her teacher, at the piano, and in one number by Mr. Rahm, violinist, who gave an obligato. Both added much to the success of the program which is given in full below.

Polly Willis - Arne
O. Happy Streamlet - Denza
L' Invitation Au Voyage - Duparc

Jerusalem, thou that killest. Recitative and Aria (St. Paul) Mendelssohn

The secret - Schubert
Mignon's Song - Schubert
Pastorale - Bizet

Love and Music, These Have I Lived for from "Tosca" Puccini

Swedish Song from a Dalecarlian Dance - Joachim

Indian Cradle Song - Woodman

'Way Down South - Homer

Home they brought her warrior dead - Homer

Spring Song (Violin obligato) Lynes

Miss Richardson, Accompanist
Mr. Rahm, Violinist

Ferd T. Bates, Jr., arrived from Camp Grant, Ill., Sunday morning for a ten days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd T. Bates, Sr. Sergeant Bates attended the Third Officers' Training Camp and has been recommended for a commission.

Mrs. Sanford Sellers, Mrs. B. B. Frazer and Mrs. Ca Waddell went to Sweet Springs Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the Lafayette Presbytery.

Death of George W. Garr.

The death of George W. Garr occurred Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock at his home on North 16th street. The passing of this good man makes one less in the annals of Lafayette concerning her old and honored citizens.

Mr. Garr was born in Virginia on May 4, 1827, and his early manhood was spent on the old Garr homestead in Madison County, of that state. In 1850 he came west with his brother William, and located near Dover, Mo., where he lived and followed his trade, being an expert carpenter, until the Civil war. He enlisted in Shelby's brigade and served with courage and distinction until the fall of 1864, when he was given an honorable discharge and went to Texas, where he spent one or two years. Upon his return to Lafayette county he was married to Miss Mary Slusher, a daughter of the late Thomas and Minerva Slusher, on August 29, 1865. There after he devoted his time exclusively to farming until twenty-seven years ago when he moved to Lexington.

Mr. Garr has for seventy years been a devoted member of the Baptist church. He was a high type of Christian and his life has been exemplary in many ways. His latter years were burdened with poor health and failing eyesight—for the past year he was confined to his bed; this inactivity he bore with patience and fortitude, attended faithfully and tenderly by his devoted wife.

To mourn his loss is left his wife and three children, Mrs. Lee J. Slusher and Mrs. Ben Eaton of this city, and Willis Garr of Kansas City, to whom scores of friends extend their sympathy.

The funeral services conducted by Rev. Downing assisted by Rev. Baxter Waters, were held at the home Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Death of John E. Cross.

John E. Cross died at his home, 2302 1/2 South street, Saturday morning at 9:10 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Cross was born in England, April 10, 1848, and was 70 years and 10 days old. He came to America in 1880 and located in this county in 1881. Five years ago he moved from Corder to this city where he has since resided.

He is survived by his wife and seven children, four daughters and three sons, Mrs. Sarah E. Schooling, Lexington; Mrs. Susie Humphrey, Higginsville; Mrs. Lillie R. Schumacher, Corder; Miss Anna Bell Cross, Lexington; Corporal Charles Cross, Camp Mills, N. Y.; Wilburn Cross and John E. Cross, Lexington.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Circuit Court.

Judge Richard Field presided Wednesday at an adjourned session of the circuit court

Among the court's deliberations John Anderson was granted a divorce from Mary Anderson.

Tuesday at Dover, Squire Harwood fined a negro \$100 for assault. The negro was brought to Lexington and placed in jail.

Charles Meyers and Mrs. Wm. Bartels went to Kansas City yesterday, being called there by the serious illness of Samuel L. Meyers.

WENTWORTH MEN WIN COMMISSIONS

At 3rd Officers' Training Camp, Camp Pike, Ark.

W. B. Steele, son of Mrs. Nanc Steele, and E. A. Groves, son of Mrs. D. P. Groves, both of this city, were among the Wentworth men who won commissions at the Third Officers' Training Camp, Camp Pike, Ark.

The complete roster of Wentworth men who won commissions at this camp follows:

M. D. Yount, Ironton, Mo.
C. L. Harrison, Tulsa, Okla.
C. I. Williams, Wichita, Kan.
R. R. Drinkwater, Denver, Col.
S. A. Burnam, Sherman, Tex.
S. H. Cruse, Miami, Okla.
K. Leslie, Sherman, Tex.
F. C. Erwin, Waxahachie, T.
W. B. Steele, Lexington, Mo.
E. A. Groves, Lexington, Mo.
C. W. Woods, Montevista, Col.
D. G. Hubbard, Versailles, Mo.
E. E. Warren, Los Angeles, W. B. Askew, Guthrie, Okla.
H. E. Kates, Claremore, Okla.
J. D. Sturgis, Kansas City, Mo.
G. Burns, Omaha, Nebr.

Death of Mrs. Fannie Glish.

Mrs. Fannie Glish died Friday night at 10:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pat McConnell, south of Lexington. Her death was due to dropsy.

Mrs. Glish was born in Germany near Berlin, and was 77 years of age. Besides her daughter, Mrs. McConnell, she is survived by one son, Leroy, who is in the naval service, stationed at the great Lakes Training Station.

The funeral service was held at the Catholic church Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Criminal Court.

The trial of Walter McFadin, charged with 1st degree murder, was continued to August 7, 1918.

Alva Bachelor plead guilty to rape and was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Wm. Wright, colored, was sentenced to ten days in jail for common assault.

The trial of George Layne and Claud Rosewell, charged with rape, was continued to August 12, 1918.

E. W. Danahoe, who was recently sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for forgery, has been paroled.

Henry Washington, charged with felonious assault, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Le Roy Curry, charged with felonious assault, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

G. C. Marquis, H. C. Chiles, G. H. Bates and G. T. Morrison returned yesterday from St. Louis, where they attended a meeting of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. Mr. Marquis was re-appointed grand lecturer.

Miss Helen Moore of Chicago, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall.

Sheriff Talbott left Wednesday for Jefferson City. He was accompanied by Alva Bachelor, Greer Ainsworth, LeRoy Curry and Henry Washington, who will enter a state institution to expiate certain offenses.

Dr. W. L. Brosius of Gallatin, Mo., a Curator of Central College died at his home Thursday afternoon. Dr. Z. M. Williams left Saturday evening to attend the funeral which was held Sunday afternoon.



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